

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all claims under examination is submitted, and the status of each is identified. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (previously presented): A sized paper or board which paper or board is sized with a composition comprising an aqueous emulsion of alkenyl succinic anhydride wherein the alkenyl succinic anhydride incorporates a maximum of 0.5% by weight of polymeric residues and contains less than 0.5% by weight of olefins.

2-4. (cancelled).

5. (previously presented): A method of producing a sized paper or board by adding to the wet-end or by size press a sizing agent which is an alkenyl succinic anhydride incorporating a maximum of 0.5% by weight of polymeric residues and less than 0.5% by weight of olefins.

6-9. (cancelled).

10. (previously presented): Sized paper or board produced by the method of claim 5.

11. (previously presented): Sized paper or board as claimed in claim 10 provided on both surfaces thereof with a barrier coating of a food grade material.

12. (original): A method of producing a carton comprising sterilising paper or sized board as claimed in claim 10 with hot hydrogen peroxide and converting the sterilised paper or board to a carton.

13. (previously presented): The method according to claim 5, wherein the alkenyl succinic anhydride incorporating a maximum of 0.5 % by weight of polymeric residues is prepared by removing the polymeric residues from the alkenyl succinic anhydride.

14. (previously presented): A sized paper or board comprising paper or board sized with a composition comprising an aqueous emulsion of alkenyl succinic anyhydride wherein the alkenyl succinic anhydride incorporates a maximum of 0.5 % by weight of polymeric residues and contains

less than 0.5% by weight of olefins and the alkenyl succinic anhydride has a lower Gardner color when compared to alkenyl succinic anhydride having 7-9 % by weight polymeric residues.

15. (previously presented): The sized paper or board comprising paper or board and a sizing composition according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous emulsion of alkenyl succinic anhydride has a lower rate of hydrolysis when compared to alkenyl succinic anhydride having 7-9 % by weight polymeric residues.

16. (previously presented): The sized paper or board according to claim 14, wherein the lower Gardner color is a maximum of 2.

17. (currently amended): The method according to claim 5, wherein the sizing agent further comprising a stabilizer.

18. (previously presented): The method according to claim 17, wherein the stabilizer is a starch, cationic polyacrylamide or other cationic polymer.

19. (previously presented): The sized paper or board according to claim 15, further comprising a stabilizer.

20. (previously presented): The sized paper or board according to claim 1, wherein the paper or board is a liquid packaging board.